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EMBASSY HIGHLIGHTS

Presidential Message on Ramadan

I send greetings to Muslims observing Ramadan in America and around the world.

Ramadan, the holiest days of the Islamic faith, begins with the first light of dawn and commemorates the revelation of the Qur'an to the prophet Muhammad. During the days of fasting, prayer, and worship, Muslims reflect and remember their dependence on God. Ramadan is also an occasion for Muslims to strengthen family and community ties and share God's gifts with those in need. ([Read Full Speech](#))

LATEST HEADLINES FROM THE EMBASSY

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Traffic: An MTV EXIT Special will be aired at 7:00 p.m. September 18 on MTV Thailand with additional broadcasts scheduled through September 29. TiTV will also air the film; times have not been set.

Exchange Visitor (J) Visas Explained



On August 30, 2007, Office of the Civil Service Commission (OCSC) organized a one-day conference on "Work/Travel and Work/Study Program" and invited Mr. Carson Wu and Ms. Kulakit Chaiamnuay of the Consular Office to give a presentation on the Exchange Visitor (J) Visas to over 230 school counselors from throughout Thailand. The presentation focused on J-visa regulations and application process. For more information about visa services for citizens and residents of Thailand, please go to

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On August 28-29, Anne Casper, Counselor for Public Affairs (back row, left), traveled with a group of Thai and American staff to the deep South to present educational materials to two elementary schools and an orphanage in Narathiwat and Pattani. The group also visited the village of Baan Kaluwor in Narathiwat to observe a women's cooperative hijab embroidery project that provides the opportunity for Muslim women in this remote area to better provide for their families through small business ventures. In Yala, Ms.

Casper did a TV interview on Channel 11, in which she expressed her admiration for the community's dedication and efforts to provide adequate education to their children. The trip is part of the U.S. Embassy's outreach program to Muslim communities in the deep South.

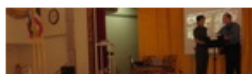
Special lecture on "U. S. Role in Nation Building after WWII"



Public Affairs and Faculty of Political Science at Chulalongkorn University organized a special lecture on "U. S. Role in Nation Building after WWII" for about 80 political science students and lecturers at the university on August 29, 2007. The lecture was presented by Ms. Kathleen McGowan, a Foreign Service Officer of the U.S. Department of State, whose previous overseas assignments include serving as chief of staff to the American ambassador in Kabul, Afghanistan and as political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok.

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Consul General Visits American Corner Khon Kaen



On August 21, 2007, the U.S. Embassy's Consul General (CG) William Bartlett visited Khon Kaen University and stopped by at the American Corner to talk to students about his work as the CG to Thailand, visas, American society, and studying in the United States. Mr. Bartlett was greeted by Ms. Ratchaneekorn Inlek, Director of the American Corner at Khon Kaen University.

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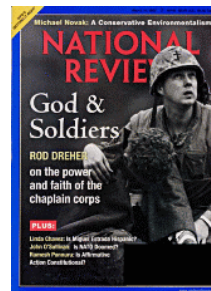
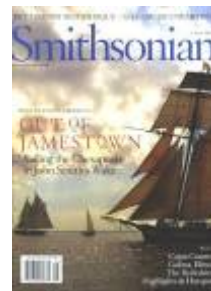
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